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IMPLEMENTATION: SWEDEN

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON KERSTIN ASP, MFA OFFICIAL HANDLING CSCE QUESTIONS. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED U.S. VIEWS ON CSCE, DRAWING ON POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. ASP MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON POINTS DISCUSSED:

2. FAMILY REUNIFICATION - GOS IMPRESSION IS GENERALLY SAME AS OURS RE EASTERN RESPONSE. WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO MAJOR CHANGE IN SOVIET OR EE POLICIES, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SMALL IMPROVEMENTS ON PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS. GOS HAS TAKEN UP A NUMBER OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION QUESTIONS DIRECTLY WITH EE'S THROUGH SWEDISH EMBASSIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES. WHILE IN SOME CASES EMBASSIES HAVE SIMPLY PRESENTED LISTS OF DIVIDED FAMILIES, IN OTHERS (SUCH AS CASE OF CZECH PARENTS SEPARATED FROM THEIR CHILDREN), SWEDISH DIPLOMATS HAVE MADE ORAL DEMARCHES, CITING CSCE PROVISIONS. ASP ADDED THAT MFA'S LEGAL DIVISION IS CURRENTLY MAKING STUDY OF SOVIET AND EE PERFORMANCE ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND FAMILY CONTACT CASES.

3. WESTERN JOURNALISTS AND FOREIGN FIRMS - GOS WELCOMED SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT THAT RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS WILL BE REDUCED, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1. WITH REGARD TO BULGARIAN AND CZECH DECREES PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL OFFICES FOR FOREIGN FIRMS, SWEDES HAVE FOUND THAT PRACTICAL PROBLEMS -- SHORTAGE OF

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ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC. -- STILL PRESENT FORMIDABLE DIFFICULTIES. ASP ADDED THAT SWEDISH TRADE MINISTRY CONTINUES TO EMPHASIZE BASKET II ITEMS IN CONTACTS WITH EE'S.

4. RADIO BROADCASTS AND JAMMING - GOS HAS HAD NO RPT NO PROBLEMS WITH SOVIETS RE SWEDISH RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS. ALTHOUGH SWEDISH RADIO RECEIVES HEAVY CORRESPONDENCE FROM LISTENERS IN USSR AND EE, SOVIETS

HAVE NEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT CONTENT OF THESE BROADCASTS. NOR HAVE SWEDISH BROADCASTS BEEN JAMMED, BUT GOS APPRECIATES OUR CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE, SINCE CSCE FINAL ACT CLEARLY SETS FORTH NEED FOR WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.

5. CBM'S - SINCE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, SWEDES HAVE NOT RPT NOT HAD MANEUVER APPROACHING 25,000 MEN, AND GOS IS PONDERING QUESTION OF LEVEL AT WHICH GOS SHOULD NOTIFY CSCE SIGNATORIES OF ITS INTENTION TO HOLD MANEUVERS. IT IS INTENTION OF GOS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MANEUVERS SOMETIME BEFORE BELGRADE FOLLOQ-UP CONFERENCE, AND ASP SPECULATED THAT NEXT ANNUAL AUTUMN MANEUVERS MIGHT BE SUITABLE OCCASION.

6. CULTURAL-EDUCATIONAL-SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES - GOS IS CONCERNED THAT IT MIGHT HAVE PROBLEM WITH SOVIETS OR EE'S OVER ITS TRADITIONAL AVOIDANCE OF BILATERAL GOVERNMENTAL CULTURAL AGREEMENTS. GOS HAS PREFERRED TO WORK THROUGH QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL SWEDISH INSTITUTE (SI) TO SIGN CULTURAL "PROGRAMS." SINCE HELSINKI, A NUMBER OF EE'S HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN EXPANDED CULTURAL COOPERATION WITH SWEDEN, BUT GOS HAS NOT RPT NOT APPROPRIATED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SI FOR ANY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES, SO SWEDES ANTICIPATE THAT SOME EE'S MIGHT COMPLAIN ABOUT SWEDISH FAILURE TO OBSERVE PROVISIONS OF CSCE FINAL ACT RELATING TO CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

7. PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF FINAL ACT - GOS HAS PUBLISHED FINAL ACT, TOGETHER WITH HISTORY OF CSCE NEGOTIATIONS, IN A BLUE BOOK. A LARGE PRINTING -- 3,000 COPIES -- WAS AUTHORIZED, AND IT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED WIDELY TO GOVERNMENTAL, POLITICAL, AND MEDIA RECIPIENTS. CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, OVER HALF OF THE ORIGINAL PRINTING REMAINS, AND DEMAND FOR THE PUBLICATION HAS BEEN EXTREMELY LIMITED. GOS WOULD BE WILLING TO PUBLISH ADDITIONAL COPIES IF DEMAND WERE TO INCREASE (WHICH ASP THOUGHT UNLIKELY).

8. CSCE FOLLOW-UOP - ASP SAID GOS HAS NOT YET FOCUSED ON BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. SWEDES AGREE WITH US THAT REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE PROVISIONF SHOULD BE KEY FACTOR IN BELGRADE IN 1977, BUT SHE ADDED THAT GOS IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT MEETINGS SHOULD NOT BE OCCASIONSOR CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES RE CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. IN GOS VIEW, THERE WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL "BALANCING" OF REQUIREMENT TO DETERMINE HOW EFFECTIVELY CSCE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED WITH NEED TO AVOID ACRIMONY WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE CSCE "SPIRIT." IT ISNPTILL

TOO EARLY, SHE CONTINUED, FOR GOS TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF HOW LONG MEETINGS SHOULD LAST, ALTHOUGH THERE IS GENERAL VIEW IN MFA THAT MEETINGS SHOULD BE SHORT. TO ACHIEVE THIS, ASP ADDED, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE PREPARATORY MEETING AT WHICH CAREFULLY PREPARED AGENDA WOULD BE DEVELOPED.

9. IN CONCLUSION, ASP SAID GOS INTENDS TO ALLUDE TO CSCE IN EVERY BILATERAL MEETING WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS, ADDING THAT CSCE WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK'S VISIT OF AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA TO STOCKHOLM. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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